

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the Application. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Applicants have responded to each notation by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Section 101 Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 17-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicants have amended Claim 17 in accordance with the comments made by the Examiner. Accordingly, Claims 17-24, particularly as amended, are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Section 102 Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 7,308,090 to White et al. ("*White*"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons discussed below.

Applicants respectfully submit that *White* fails to disclose, or even teach or suggest, the elements specifically recited in Applicants' claims. For example, *White* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the following elements recited in independent Claim 1:

- determining from the mapping and independent of any conference identifier information sent by the endpoint that the caller identifier is associated with the conference call identifier of the conference call;

- initiating connection of the endpoint to the conference call in order to connect the endpoint to the conference call;

- after a disconnection with the endpoint, receiving another call from the endpoint;

- determining from the mapping and independent of any conference identifier information sent by the endpoint that the caller identifier is associated with the conference call identifier of the conference call; and

- initiating connection of the endpoint to the conference call in order to reconnect the endpoint to the conference call.

For at least these reasons, independent Claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 102. For analogous reasons, independent Claims 9, 17, 25, and 26 and their respective dependent claims are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this case in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Keiko Ichiye, the Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6494.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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